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1. SUMMARY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC (REF A), MINISTER OF JUSTICE PONIATOWSKI (REF B), BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON THE NEW FRENCH CABINET APPEARS BELOW. NO COMMON DENOMINATORS CAN BE OBSERVED IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE CABINET WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS: GISCARD HAS A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR GRADUATES OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND POLYTECHNICIANS, AND PERHAPS AS RESULT OF HIS OWN LIFE STYLE, TENDS TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THOSE WHO CAN DEMONSTRATE ATHLETIC VIGOR AND PRACTICE. (THE PREFERRED SPORT OF THIS CABINET IS SKIING). THE NON-PARLIAMENTARIANS (HABY, VEIL, SAUVAGNARGUES AND FOURCADE) AS WELL AS GALLEY, D'ORNANO AND ANSQUER

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ALL HAVE REPUTATIONS AS BEING BETTER PROBLEM SOLVERS

THAN THEORETICIANS. OF THE TECHNOCRATS, NONE HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING AN INNOVATOR: GISCARD THUS MAY BE PLANNING TO DO MOST OF THE INNOVATING HIMSELF. END SUMMARY.

2. JEAN LECANUET, 54, MINISTER OF JUSTICE (CENTER DEMOCRAT). LECANUET IS A VETERAN AND HIGHLY RESPECTED CENTRIST POLITICIAN, QUITE ACTIVE IN THE FOURTH REPUBLIC WHEN HE SERVED BOTH IN A HOST OF MINISTERIAL CABINETS AND ONCE AS SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (1955). LECANUET HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF BOTH THE SENATE AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SINCE 1951. HE HAS BEEN MAYOR OF ROUEN SINCE 1968. LECANUET RAN AGAINST GENERAL DE GAULLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1965 AND GOT ALMOST 16 PERCENT OF THE FIRST-ROUND VOTE. THIS SHOWING FORCED DE GAULLE INTO A RUNOFF WITH FRANCOIS MITTERRAND AND EARNED LECANUET THE UNDYING ENMITY OF THE GAULLIST ESTABLISHMENT. LECANUET WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE CURRENT CENTRIST GROUP IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. A LONG-TIME AND CONVINCED "EUROPEAN" AND ATLANTICIST, LECANUET IS ALSO WELL DISPOSED TO THE US WHICH HE HAS VISITED MANY TIMES, ONCE ON A LEADER GRANT IN 1956. HE WAS THE FIRST MAJOR CENTRIST POLITICIAN TO SUPPORT GISCARD'S PRESIDENTIAL BID. LECANUET IS AN "AGREGE" IN PHILOSOPHY AND A FORMER RESISTANCE FIGHTER AND ESCAPED POW. WE UNDERSTAND FROM A GOOD SOURCE THAT WHILE INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE, HE TENDS TOWARDS LAZINESS AND IS SLOPPY ABOUT HIS "HOMEWORK."

3. JACQUES SOUFFLET, 61, MINISTER OF DEFENSE (UDR). AN INDUSTRIALIST (AIR TRANSPORT), SOUFFLET IS SENATOR FROM YVELINES AND ONE OF THE FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE. HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE DEFENSE PORTFOLIO IS HIS FIRST IN ANY GOVERNMENT. HE IS A POWERFUL YET RELATIVELY LITTLE-KNOWN GAULLIST WHOSE CAREER IS LINKED TO THAT OF THE GENERAL. A 1932 GRADUATE OF SAINT-CYR, HE FOUGHT BRILLIANTLY AS AN AIR FORCE OFFICER WITH THE FREE FRENCH AND AS A RESISTANCE ORGANIZER (ONE OF HIS LAST UNITS INCLUDED THE YOUNG PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE). HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ELITE ORDER OF "COMPAGNONS DE LA LIBERATION"

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AND HAS SEVERAL OTHER FRENCH AND FOREIGN ORDERS. HE REMAINED A CAREER MILITARY OFFICER UNTIL 1946 WHEN HE RESIGNED HIS COMMISSION. ELECTED TO THE SENATE NOT LONG AFTER THE GENERAL'S RETURN, SOUFFLET BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE UDR SENATE GROUP (1965-1971) AND REMAINS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY EXECUTIVE BUREAU AS WELL AS CONTINUING AS THE HEAD OF THE UDR ORGANIZATION FOR THE PARIS REGION. SOUFFLET IS A GAULLIST, OF COURSE, BUT HIS PRIMARY

ALLEGIANCE IN THE UDR HAS GONE TO PIERRE MESSMER (IT WAS SOUFFLET WHO PROPOSED, AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF THE ELECTIONS, A MOTION OF CONFIDENCE IN MESSMER). HIS FIDELITY TO MESSMER IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN THE ROOT OF HIS DECISION, IN JUNE 1973, TO OPPOSE THE FORMATION OF A CONTROL COMMITTEE ON WIRETAPPING -- WHICH MESSMER WAS AGAINST.

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4. JEAN-JACQUES SERVAN-SCHREIBER, 50, MINISTER OF REFORMS (RADICAL). JJSS, A SUCCESSFUL JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, HEAD OF THE RADICAL PARTY AND WORLD WAR II FIGHTER PILOT, IS ASSUMING HIS FIRST GOVERNMENTAL POST. A GRADUATE OF FRANCE'S ELITE ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE AND THE HEIR TO AN IMPORTANT JOURNALISTIC PUBLISHING EMPIRE, HE WAS THE FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR OF LE MONDE FROM 1948 TO

1953. IN 1953 JJSS FOUNDED L'EXPRESS, WHICH HAS BECOME AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE. WELL KNOWN IN THE US FOR HIS BOOK "THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE," HIS POLITICAL CAREER BEGAN IN 1969 WHEN HE BECAME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE RADICAL PARTY, FRANCE'S OLDEST PARTY. JJSS BECAME PARTY PRESIDENT IN 1971, AND A DEPUTY FROM NANCY IN 1970. A QUIXOTIC, IMPULSIVE MAN, HE RAN AGAINST CHABAN-DELMAS IN A BY-ELECTION IN BORDEAUX IN 1972 AND WAS BADLY BEATEN. HE HAS BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCUSED, PROBABLY CORRECTLY, OF BEING INTERESTED IN HIS PARTY ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT IT CAN SERVE AS A LAUNCHING PLATFORM FOR HIS OWN AMBITIONS. HE ALSO IS ACCUSED OF DOING NOTHING TO PREVENT A SPLIT IN THE RADICAL PARTY WHICH SAW MOST OF ITS PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES JOIN THE SOCIALIST GROUP UNDER THE LABEL OF LEFT RADICAL.

5. JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES, 59, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN). AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND HAS PROVIDED A SPLENDID ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER (REF C). THE FOLLOWING IS BASIC RECORD DATA ON SAUVAGNARGUES: BORN APRIL 2, 1915. STUDIES AT ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE FOLLOWED BY NATIONAL COMPETITION IN GERMAN (AGREGATION). GRADUATE OF THE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCES. CAREER DATA: PROFESSOR AT THE LYCEE SAINT RAMBERT, DIPLOMATIC SERVICE COMPETITION (1941). EMBASSY ATTACHE BUCHAREST (1941-43). REVOKED BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, APRIL 1943. DIPLOMATIC SERVICE UNDER THE GENERAL DELEGATION FOR THE LEVANT NOVEMBER 1943 TO 1945. STAFF OFFICER TO DE GAULLE (1945-46). CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL SERVICE IN THE COMMISSARIAT FOR GERMAN AFFAIRS (1946-49). ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE (1949-54). DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOROCCAN AND TUNISIAN AFFAIRS (EARLY 1956). SUBSTITUTE NEGOTIATOR FOR THE SAAR TREATY (MARCH 1956). AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA (1956-60). DIRECTOR OF EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SAHARAN REGION (1960-62). DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS (1961-62). AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA (1962-70). SAUVAGNARGUES IS REPORTED TO HAVE REFUSED OTHER ASSIGNMENTS WHILE IN TUNIS -- HENCE HIS UNUSUAL EIGHT YEARS THERE -- INSISTING THAT BONN WAS THE ONLY POST HE WAS INTERESTED IN. FRENCH REPORTERS WHO COVERED TUNIS AT THAT TIME SAY HE WAS OFTEN IRASCIBLE. HE HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR IN BONN SINCE APRIL 1970.

6. JEAN-PIERRE FOURCADE, 44, MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE (NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN; INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN IN LOCAL ELECTIONS). FOURCADE FIRST CAME TO PUBLIC

PROMINENCE BETWEEN 1968 AND 1970 WHEN HE SERVED AS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTERNAL COMMERCE AND PRICES IN THE
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MINISTRY OF FINANCE (THE HOLDER OF THE POST IS USUALLY
CALLED "MR. PRICES" BY THE FRENCH). YET ANOTHER BRIL-
LIANT GRADUATE OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION
(1952-54) FOURCADE RANKED SUFFICIENTLY HIGH IN THE
NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS TO OPT FOR THE INSPECTORATE OF
FINANCE, WHICH HE ENTERED IN 1954. HE CAME INTO GIS-
CARD'S STAFF WHEN THE NEW PRESIDENT WAS SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FINANCE (1959-61) AND THEN MOVED INTO HIS
CABINET DURING THE FIRST FOUR YEARS OF GISCARD'S TENURE
AS MINISTER (1962-1969.) IN 1970 FOURCADE MOVED FROM
GOVERNMENT TO THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CREDIT BANK,
WHICH IS ONE OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL PRIVATELY-OWNED FRENCH
COMMERCIAL BANKS AND WHICH HAS BEEN PART OF THE SUEZ
FINANCIAL GROUP SINCE 1971. HE ROSE RAPIDLY TO THE
NUMBER TWO POSITION IN THAT INSTITUTION. HE SERVES ON
THE BOARDS OF SEVERAL BANKING AND TRANSPORTATION CON-
CERNS, NONE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE. SINCE 1971 AFTER WIN-
NING THE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS AT THE HEAD OF AN INDEP-
ENDENT REPUBLICAN (GISCARD) TICKET, HE HAS BEEN THE
MAYOR OF SAINT-CLOUD IN THE PARIS SUBURBS.

7. RENE HABY, 54, MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION (NON-
PARLIAMENTARIAN). ONE OF THE YOUNGEST RECTORS OF FRANCE,
HABY HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE RECTORATE OF CLERMONT-
FERRAND SINCE 1972. (UNDER THE FRENCH EDUCATIONAL SYS-
TEM, A RECTOR IS THE ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL THROUGH UNIVERSITY IN A GIVEN REGION). HABY BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND BECAME AN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR IN 1962. FROM 1966 TO 1968 HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CABINET OF THE THEN MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, RENE MISSOFFE. HE HAS ALSO TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF PARIS AND NANCY. DYNAMIC AND OPEN, HABY IS WELL THOUGHT OF BY FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CLERMONT, WHO CONSIDER HIM AN EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR, FULLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT FRANCE'S HUGE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT. HABY IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THE EDUCATION OF LESS GIFTED CHILDREN, AND WAS ONE OF THE PRIME MOVERS (AS CO-DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN 1963-64) IN THE CREATION OF THE FRENCH EQUIVALENT OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT HE CAME TO GISCARD'S ATTENTION DURING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAST TWO YEARS (GISCARD IS THE MAYOR OF A TOWN IN CLERMONT'S SUBURBS). HABY IS AN ATHLETIC SKIER AND IS SAID TO BE A SUPERB MOUNTAINEER..

8. PIERRE ABELIN, 65, MINISTER OF COOPERATION (CENTER DEMOCRAT). THE OLDEST MAN IN THE CABINET, ABELIN REPRESENTS A DEPARTURE FROM GISCARD'S DESIRE TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF YOUTHFUL, INNOVATIVE GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH ABELIN HELPED HIS FRIEND JEAN LECANUET FOUND THE CENTER DEMOCRAT PARTY IN 1966 AND LATER BECAME ITS SECRETARY GENERAL, HE COMES ACROSS AS VERY MUCH A MAN OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC, WHICH HE SERVED THREE TIMES

AS A SECRETARY OF STATE. ABELIN IS A "CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT" AND PRO-EUROPEAN. HIS POLITICAL IDEALS HAVE LED HIM TO TRY TO CREATE A VIABLE "THIRD FORCE" BETWEEN THE GAULLISTS AND THE COMMUNISTS. AS A BUSINESSMAN AND MAN OF POLITICS, ABELIN'S INTERESTS HAVE BEEN WORLD-WIDE. HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF FIRMS DEALING IN COTTON, CHOCOLATE, ETHIOPIAN RAILWAYS, AND FRENCH TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SUPERMARKETS. DURING WORLD WAR II HE SERVED AS THE HEAD OF THE FRENCH UNION OF EXPORTING INDUSTRIES, AS HEAD OF THE COTTON EXPORTING COMMITTEE AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE COCOA IMPORTING PANEL. DESPITE THESE ACTIVITIES ABELIN HAS NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF HAVING BEEN A COLLABORATOR. HE WAS SEVERAL TIMES A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS BETWEEN 1949 AND 1956, USUALLY CHARGED WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. ABELIN IS ALSO FIRMLY ROOTED IN LOCAL FRENCH POLITICS. HE HAS REPRESENTED CONTINUOUSLY THE DEPARTMENT OF VIENNE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SINCE 1945, EXCEPT FOR A HIATUS FROM 1958 TO 1962. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF CHATELLERAULT. ABELIN HAS A PAST REPUTATION FOR BEING PRO-AMERICAN. HE HAS BEEN A FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE UNITED STATES, RECEIVED A LEADER GRANT IN 1956, AND IS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S FRANCE - UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP GROUP.

9. ROBERT GALLEY, 53, MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT (UDR). TRAINED AS AN ENGINEER, GALLEY IS AN ORTHODOX GAULLIST AND ONE OF THE BEST, IF LEAST INNOVATIVE, MANAGERS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GOVERNMENT. HE FIRST CAME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION IN 1966 WHEN GENERAL DE GAULLE, IMPRESSED BY HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN DIRECTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARCOULE NUCLEAR INSTALLATION AND THE PIERRELATTE ISOTOPE SEPARATION PLANT, NAMED HIM TO SUPERVISE THE EARLY OPERATIONS OF THE PLAN CALCUL, A SYSTEMATIC UPGRADING OF THE FRENCH COMPUTER INDUSTRY. GALLEY JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN MAY 1968 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS. AFTER TWO MONTHS HE BECAME MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, A POST WHICH HE HELD FOR THE YEAR WHICH SAW THE EXPLOSION OF FRANCE'S FIRST TWO NUCLEAR DEVICES. IN JUNE 1969, HE BECAME MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (PTT) AND THEN, IN JULY 1972, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION. IT WAS DURING HIS TENURE AS PTT MINISTER THAT GALLEY IS SAID TO HAVE FIRST ATTRACTED THEN FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD'S ATTENTION WITH AN AUDACIOUS SCHEME TO CREATE PRIVATE TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN ORDER TO SPUR TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF WIRE COMMUNICATIONS AND SAVE THE GOVERNMENT

CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN EQUIPMENT. IN APRIL 1973, GALLEY WAS NAMED MINISTER OF THE ARMED FORCES, A TITLE LESS PRESTIGIOUS THAN THE ONE GIVEN HIS PREDECESSOR, MICHEL DEBRE (MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE), PERHAPS INDICATING THAT GALLEY WAS REGARDED AS A TECHNICIAN RATHER THAN AS A TOP POLICY-MAKER. GALLEY WAS FIRST

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ELECTED AS UDR DEPUTY FROM THE AUBE IN 1968 AND WON REELECTION IN 1973 BY AN IMPRESSIVE MARGIN. HIS GAULLIST CREDENTIALS ARE IMPECCABLE: A TOUGH RESISTANCE SOLDIER WHO RALLIED TO DE GAULLE IN 1940, GALLEY MARRIED (1960) THE DAUGHTER OF GENERAL LECLERC, "THE LIBERATOR OF PARIS." HE IS NOT OVERLY DOGMATIC; MOST OBSERVERS HAVE FOUND HIM TOO MUCH THE MODERN MANAGER TO LIMIT HIS OPTIONS BY SLAVISH ADHERENCE TO ANY PARTY LINE. GALLEY'S DETRACTORS ACCUSE HIM OF LACKING "NUANCE" IN HIS POLITI-

CAL JUDGMENTS. HE HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE FRENCH INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR FORCES, BUT HIS IMPACT ON NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY WAS SEVERELY LIMITED BY THE ACTIVE ROLES WHICH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT PLAYED IN FORMULATING DEFENSE POLICY.

10. CHRISTIAN BONNET, 52, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN), FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT (SINCE 1972), BONNET WAS FIRST ELECTED DEPUTY FROM MORBIHAN IN THE FOURTH REPUBLIC (1956) ON A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC CENTRIST TICKET. HE HAS BEEN AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN SINCE THE LATE 1960'S AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE PROTEGE OF FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE RAYMOND MARCELLIN. HE OWES HIS PRESENT POSITION TO HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN GISCARD'S CAMPAIGN WHERE HE WORKED PRIMARILY ON POSITION PAPERS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE. BASING HIS ORIGINAL BREAK WITH DE GAULLE ON A FEAR THAT THE GENERAL WOULD SEPARATE ALGERIA FROM FRANCE, BONNET WAS A FREQUENT CRITIC OF GAULLISM WHO ONLY RALLIED TO THE MAJORITY AFTER THE ADVENT OF POMPIDOU. ALTHOUGH BORN A PARISIAN, AND WITH NO DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL MATTERS, BONNET HAS REPRESENTED THE SAME RURAL CONSTITUENCY IN BRITTANY SINCE 1956; HE IS ALSO THE MAYOR OF CARNAC (SINCE 1964), AND HAS TURNED THE LITTLE CITY INTO AN ULTRA-MODERN OCEAN RESORT. HE HAS SERVED ON A VARIETY OF COMMISSIONS CONCERNED WITH REGIONAL PLANNING FOR TOURISM. BONNET IS PRIVATELY WEALTHY -- HE SPENT NINE YEARS (1952-1961) AS PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE LARGEST FRENCH CANNING COMPANIES.

11. ANDRE JARROT, 64, MINISTER FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE (UDR). THIS NEW MINISTRY WILL INCLUDE ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH, SPORTS, LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND TOURISM. JARROT IS A SELF-MADE MAN WHOSE BIOGRAPHY IS REMARKABLE WHEN READ AGAINST THOSE OF HIS ENARQUE COLLEAGUES. IN THE FRENCH WHO'S WHO JARROT PROUDLY LISTS THE PRIMARY SCHOOL OF CHALON-SUR-SAONE AS HIS SOLE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND NOTES HIS PROFESSIONS AS "ELECTRICIAN-MECHANIC, DEPUTY, MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATE." AFTER NINE YEARS AS A MECHANIC WITH THE NATIONAL GAS COMPANY (1927-1936) HE OPENED HIS OWN GARAGE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY BECAME A FLYING TEACHER. JARROT MUST HAVE BEEN AN AMERICAN-STYLE TINKERER WITH CARS, PLANES AND MOTORCYCLES. IN 1937 HE WON THE FRENCH 500 CM3 MOTORCYCLE CHAMPIONSHIPS; IN 1938 HE TEAMED WITH GEORGES MONNERET, LATER TO BECOME A RESISTANCE HERO, TO WIN THE WORLD TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ENDURANCE RECORD FOR MOTORCYCLES.

JARROT WAS A SKILLED AND BRAVE RESISTANCE LEADER DECOR-
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ATED BY BOTH THE FRENCH AND THE ALLIES (MILITARY MEDAL,
MEDAL OF FREEDOM, DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL) WHO IS
TODAY A MEMBER OF THE SELECT COMPAGNONS DE LA LIBERATI-
ON. HE MOVED INTO POLITICS IN 1947 AS THE GAULLIST
HEAD IN THE SAONE-ET-LOIRE, BECAME VICE-MAYOR OF LUX
AND THEN MAYOR (1953-1965) AND HAS SINCE 1965 BEEN THE
MAYOR OF MONTCEAU-LES-MINES, AS WELL AS MAYOR OF THE
URBAN AGGLOMERATION OF LE CREUSOT-MONTCEAU-LES-MINES, A
WORKING CLASS AREA, WHERE GISCARD MADE A MAJOR CAMPAIGN
APPEARANCE. FIRST ELECTED TO THE ASSEMBLY IN 1958 ON
A UNR TICKET, JARROT, A UNR FOUNDER WARE-ELECTED IN 1962, 1968 AND
1973.

SINCE 1962, HE HAS BEEN A FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE PARLIAMENT OF EUROPE.

12. MICHEL DURAFOUR, 54, MINISTER OF LABOR (CENTER
REPUBLICAN). DURAFOUR IS THE DEPUTY-MAYOR OF SAINT-
ETIENNE. HE IS THE SON OF A THIRD REPUBLIC MINISTER AND
THE GODSON OF THE LEGENDARY ARISTIDE BRIAND. WHILE THIS
IS DURAFOUR'S FIRST MINISTERIAL POST, HE HAS HAD A
GOOD DEAL OF EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL AND NATIONAL POLITICS.
MAYOR OF SAINT-ETIENNE SINCE 1965, HE IS CREDITED WITH
REVITALIZING THE CITY BY LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS
AND ATTRACTION OF INDUSTRY. HE IS KNOWN IN SAINT-
ETIENNE FOR HIS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE TRADE UNIONS.

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HE WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE IN 1965 AND TO THE ASSEMBLY IN 1967. SINCE 1972 HE HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE REFORMER PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN THE ASSEMBLY. APART FROM HIS POLITICAL CAREER DURAFOUR HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR: HE WON A NATIONAL THEATER PRIZE IN 1950 FOR "THE DEMONIACS" AND ANOTHER NATIONAL AWARD FOR ADVENTURE NOVELS (1963). DURAFOUR ALSO SERVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WAR IN THE CABINETS OF SEVERAL MINISTERS OF INFORMATION. A HIGHLY RESPECTED CENTRIST POLITICIAN, DURAFOUR HAS VISITED THE UNITED STATES SEVERAL TIMES, ONCE IN 1967 AS A LEADER GRANTEE. A GRADUATE OF THE FREE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, DURAFOUR IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST "PLUGGED-IN" POLITICIANS IN FRANCE WITH A CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (AND OFTEN FORMER SUPERIORS) RANGING FROM GASTON DEFFERRE TO JACQUES SOUSTELLE.

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13. SIMONE VEIL, 46, MINISTER OF HEALTH (NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN). MADAME VEIL, DEPORTED TO RAVENSBRUCK DURING THE WAR, HAS HAD AN INFLUENTIAL THOUGH QUIET CAREER WORKING AS A JURIST WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, WHERE SHE HAS SPECIALIZED IN JURISPRUDENCE CONCERNING THE FAMILY. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF A BOOK ON ADOPTION AND IS INTERESTED IN PRISON REFORM. FROM 1969 TO 1972 SHE SERVED IN THE CABINET OF THEN JUSTICE MINISTER RENE PLEVEN. MADAME VEIL IS THE FIRST WOMAN TO HAVE BEEN NAMED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MAGISTRATURE, THE ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH JUDGES. SHE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRENCH RADIO/TV MONOPOLY. SHE IS MARRIED TO ANTON VEIL WHO IS THE HEAD OF UTA,

FRANCE'S PRIVATELY-HELD AIRLINE, AND WHO SERVES AS WELL ON THE BOARD OF AIR INTER. HE IS ALSO THE TREASURER OF THE CDP, A CENTRIST PARTY WHICH WAS PART OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNING COALITION AND WHOSE MEMBERS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONTINUE TO VOTE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

14. MICHEL D'ORNANO, 49, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN). D'ORNANO WAS UNTIL 1967 A RATHER TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF THE NEW BREED OF ACTIVIST WEALTHY FRENCH BUSINESSMEN. DESCENDED FROM THREE MARSHALS OF FRANCE, CO-FOUNDER OF THE ORLANE COSMETICS FIRM, D'ORNANO SERVED AS A FOREIGN TRADE COUNSELOR (SINCE 1957) AND AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FOREIGN TRADE (SINCE 1963). AS THE MAYOR OF DEAUVILLE (SINCE 1962) D'ORNANO ALONG WITH HIS WIFE, THE FORMER ANNE DE CONTANDES, HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RESTORING MUCH OF THE GLITTER TO THIS ONCE PRESTIGIOUS SEA-COAST RESORT. D'ORNANO IS A FIRM BELIEVER IN REGIONALIZATION (SINCE 1967 HE HAS BEEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR LOWER NORMANDY). HE WAS ELECTED DEPUTY FROM CALVADOS IN MARCH 1967 AND WAS RETURNED IN 1968 AND 1972. WEALTHY, INDEPENDENT-MINDED AND LOYAL, ORNANO IS ONE OF GISCARD'S STRONGER ASSETS IN THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT. ALTHOUGH FREQUENTLY CHARACTERIZED AS A POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL LIGHTWEIGHT, EMBOFFS BELIEVE THIS TO BE MORE THE RESULT OF LACK OF OPPORTUNITY THAN OF BRAINS. D'ORNANO ACQUIRED SUFFICIENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND SKILL AS AN IR DEPUTY TO WARRANT HIS PROMOTION TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARTY AND FLOOR LEADER OF THE IR'S IN THE CURRENT LEGISLATURE. HE ALSO BELIEVES IN CREATIVE TENSION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE MAJORITY AND THE OPPOSITION.

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D'ORNANO SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL AND KNOWS THE UNITED STATES. HIS WIFE, WHO IS BILINGUAL, ATTENDED PREP SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY.

15. VINCENT ANSQUER, 49, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND THE ARTISANATE (UDR). ANSQUER IS NOT A TECHNOCRAT AND HIS ENTIRE BACKGROUND HAS BEEN FAIRLY FAR FROM THAT OF THE ENARQUES AND POLYTECHNICIANS ON GISCARD'S TEAM. WITH A DEGREE IN LAW AND A DIPLOMA FROM THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF OVERSEAS FRANCE, ANSQUER SPENT ONE YEAR IN THE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION (1947) BEFORE GOING TO GUINEA FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM AS THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE FIRM. RETURNING TO FRANCE IN 1952 HE BECAME THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CHAUDIERE AND COMPANY, A SHOE MANUFACTURING FIRM LOCATED IN THE VENDEE. TWO YEARS LATER HE MARRIED THE HEIRESS TO THE CHAUDIERE FORTUNE, MONIQUE CHAUDIERE.

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RUNNING IN THE VENDEE FIRST ON A UNR TICKET AND THEN UNDER THE UDR LABEL, ANSQUER WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1962, AND HAS BEEN RETURNED IN EACH SUBSEQUENT ELECTION. HE IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE. HE HAS RECEIVED LITTLE PUBLIC ATTENTION, BUT HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE DEPUTY WHO HAS UNDERTAKEN SPECIAL

MISSIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, MOST RECENTLY IN 1973 WHEN
HE WAS NAMED FOR A SIX-MONTH STINT TO THE MINISTRY OF
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